

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 613  
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mary Frances Stahlke upon  
being honored as the 2006 Teacher of the Year  
by the Sevier County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making middle school education a relevant and productive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Stahlke, who teaches at Seymour Middle School in the Sevier County School District, is most assuredly one such superlative professional and is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stahlke was recently selected as the Sevier County Schools 2006 Teacher of the Year for the fifth through the eighth grades, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, seeking to provide her students with a basis for growing into successful, positive members of society, Mary Frances Stahlke earned an Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University, a master's degree from Tusculum College, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois, and a 1-8 endorsement from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stahlke has served with acumen and alacrity as a seventh grade mathematics and pre-algebra teacher at Seymour Middle School, where she loves working with children; and

WHEREAS, as the 2006 Sevier County Teacher of the Year for grades 5-8, Ms. Stahlke gains recognition for her effective teaching practices, her professionalism, and her participation

in building a strong community-school partnership; a supervisor-administrator-past teacher of the year panel has selected her from all nominees to receive this award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stahlke is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Stahlke truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mary Frances Stahlke on being chosen as the 2006 Teacher of the Year by the Sevier County School System and honor her for her generous dedication to her students and her community and the positive impact she makes on the lives of her students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.